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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT: CONDOLENCES

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1. AMBASSADOR MORNING SEPTEMBER 28 EXPRESSED TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL REGRETS FOR USMC F-4 CRASH AND EXTENDED CONDOLENCES FOR DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED (TWO CHILDREN DIED DURING NIGHT). ARITA THANKED AMBASSADOR, AND ASKED FOR US COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATING ACCIDENT AND FORTHCOMING CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. AMBASSADOR PROMISED OUR FULLEST COOPERATION, AS WELL AS OUR DETERMINATION TO INSURE, INsofar AS WE CAN, THAT THERE WAS NO RECURRENCE.

2. ARITA NOTED GOJ DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STABLE AND SMOOTH OPERATION OF US BASES IN JAPAN, WHICH SERVED INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND SUGGESTED THAT FOR THIS REASON AS WELL PROMPT EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT AND COMPENSATE VICTIMS WERE IN ORDER. AMBASSADOR AGREED,
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REITERATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE FULLY.
ARITA AGAIN THANKED AMBASSADOR.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN NAKAJIMA, WHO ATTENDED MEETING, WOULD IMMEDIATELY BRIEF PRESS ON AMBASSADOR'S CALL.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO WRITTEN FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER, WHICH WITH OUR AGREEMENT GOJ HAS RELEASED TO PRESS. QUOTE: EXCELLENCY, IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT I WRITE THIS LETTER TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S DEEP SORROW OVER THE U.S. PLANE ACCIDENT IN YOKOHAMA YESTERDAY.

"I AM PERSONALLY SADDENED BY THE DEATHS AND INJURIES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COOPERATION IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS TRAGEDY AS WELL AS IN THE MATTER OF COMPENSATION FOR THE VICTIMS.

"WE WILL ALSO DO OUR BEST TO STRENGTHEN SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT SIMILAR ACCIDENTS DO NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.

" IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH YOU THINK I COULD BE OF SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW.

" I WOULD APPRECIATE IT, IF IN SOME WAY THE FEELINGS I HAVE EXPRESSED IN THIS LETTER COULD BE CONVEYED TO THE FAMILIES AND VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN AND ARE SUFFERING SO MUCH.

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" WITH MY CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY TO ALL CONCERNED, I AM,

VERY RESPECTFULLY, MIKE MANSFIELD. UNQUOTE
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